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ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

MITCHELL R. ELFERS
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

GEORGE TOM SKEET,

Defendant.

CRIMINAL NO. 21 CR 591 MVCount 1: 16 U.S.C. §§ 703 and
707(b)(2): Sale and Offer for Sale of
Any Migratory Bird;Count 2: 16 U.S.C. § 668(a): Bald and
Golden Eagle Protection Act (Class A
Misdemeanor).INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

Count 1

On or about January 18, 2019, in Bernalillo County, in the District of New Mexico, the defendant, **GEORGE TOM SKEET**, knowingly and without permission, sold and offered to sell feathers protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, specifically, red-tailed hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) feathers.

In violation of 16 U.S.C. §§ 703 and 707(b)(2).

Count 2

On or about February 5, 2019, in Bernalillo County, in the District of New Mexico, the defendant, **GEORGE TOM SKEET**, knowingly and without permission, sold and offered to sell the feathers of birds protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, specifically, golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) feathers and bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) feathers.

In violation of 16 U.S.C. § 668(a).

FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS

Upon conviction of Count 1, as alleged in this Indictment, the defendant, **GEORGE TOM SKEET**, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. §§ 703 and 706, any interest he may have in the following seized property, including the feathers of:

- (a) red-tailed hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) feathers.

Upon conviction of Count 2, as alleged in this Indictment, the defendant, **GEORGE TOM SKEET**, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 668(b) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461, any interest he may have in the following seized property, including the feathers of:

- (a) golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) feathers, and
- (b) bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) feathers.

A TRUE BILL:

/s/

FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY


Assistant United States Attorney